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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Currently Amended*) An apparatus for recording video data on recording medium having a chapter information recording area, the apparatus comprising:

a recording processor ~~recording~~ configured to record video data on the recording medium;

~~a pausing director directing a temporary halt of a recording operation to the recording processor;~~

an input section configured to cause the recording processor to direct a temporary halt of a recording operation;

a chapter manager configured to automatically storing store a position information of the video data to the chapter information recording area as a chapter boundary information of the video data when a the recording process operation of the recording processor is temporarily halted by the input section and restarted after the temporary halt; and ~~direction of the pausing director~~

a thumbnail setting section configured to set a top picture as a thumbnail image when the recording processor restarts the recording operation after the temporary halt.

2. (*Currently Amended*) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the thumbnail setting section stores the thumbnail image on the recording medium further comprising a thumbnail creator creating a thumbnail from a top picture when the recording processor restarts the recording operation after the temporary halt.

3. (*Currently Amended*) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the input section comprises a remote controller having a pause feature ~~thumbnail creator stores a creating thumbnail on the recording medium.~~

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4. (*Currently Amended*) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a pausing director that automatically directs the recording processor to temporarily halt the recording operation upon detecting that an audio signal of the video data has changed from a monophonic signal to a stereophonic signal wherein the pausing director including a remote controller having a pause button.

5. (*Cancelled*).

6. (*Currently Amended*) A method ~~for~~ of recording video data on recording medium having a chapter information recording area, the method comprising the steps of:

recording video data on the recording medium;

temporarily halting a the recording operation ~~of the recording step;~~

automatically storing a position information of the video data ~~to~~ in the chapter information recording area as a chapter boundary information of the video data when a the recording process operation is temporarily halted and restarted; and

setting a top picture as a thumbnail image when the recording operation is restarted.

7. (*Currently Amended*) The method according to claim 6, wherein the setting of the top picture comprises storing the thumbnail image on the recording medium further comprising a step of creating a thumbnail from a top picture when the recording operation is restarted after the temporary halt.

8. (*Currently Amended*) The method according to claim 7, whercin the temporary halting of the recording operation is initiated by a remote device further comprising a step of storing a created thumbnail on the recording medium.

9. (*New*) The method according to claim 1, wherein the temporary halting of the recording operation is initiated upon detecting that an audio signal of the video data has changed from a monophonic signal to a stereophonic signal.